

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of HAHN, Arno, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the official action mailed September 9, 2008, comprising a requirement of restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Concurrently submitted are a Petition for retroactive extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required extension fee.

Applicant elects for further prosecution the species shown in **Figure 1**. The claims that read on the elected species are **Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 17**.

This election is made without traverse. However, the nonelected claims remain pending, to be rejoined upon allowance of a generic claim.

Applicant requests examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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